# Senators question CIA chief on murder plots

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WASHINGTON — William E. Colby, director of the Central Intelligence Agency, was questioned for three hours Wednesday by the Senate Intelligence Committee. Chairman Frank Church, D-Idaho, said the agency's involvement in assassination plots was a key topic.

"There were surpirses, and there was new information in the area of covert operations that had not surfaced before," Church said of the closed session.

"There's no doubt that some of the activities have been against the law and needed to be stopped. Some very serious questions have been raised."

Church noted that Colby already had said publically that the CIA was not involved in plots to kill foreign leaders.

"The public statement Colby made has been correct but not complete," Church said. He would not elaborate.

The chairman said none of Colby's testimony referred to killings in this country.

Some have sought to link the CIA with President Kennedy's assassination.

Church said the committee received a full report on CIA covert activities. It was written by the agency's inspector general.

Earlier Wednesday, the House Select Committee on Intelligence completed preparations and announced it would soon begin a comprehensive investigation of U.S. intelligence activities.

Colby is to appear Friday before the panel. It will be his third testimony.

The house probe is the third investigation of the intelligence field this year.

A presidential commission headed by Vice President Nelson A. Rockefeller is writing a report on its investigation of the CIA.

Chairman Lucien N. Nedzi, D-Mich., said the House committee would call Colby to testify later this summer.

First, Nedzi said, the panel would begin hearings on the missions of the CIA, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Internal Revenue Service, the National Security Agency and other groups.

The House committee has seven Democratic and three Republican members.

The Senate committee expects to call other witnesses in July.